

**FLUID-ASSISTED ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH
SHAPEABLE ELECTRODE**

Abstract of the Disclosure

- 5 An electrosurgical instrument including an elongated shaft and a non-
conductive handle. The shaft defines a proximal section, a distal section, and an
internal lumen extending from the proximal section. The distal section forms an
electrically conductive tip and defines at least one passage for distributing fluid.
Further, the shaft is adapted to be transitionable from a straight state to a first
10 bent state. The shaft is capable of independently maintaining the distinct shapes
associated with the straight state and the first bent state. The handle is rigidly
coupled to the proximal section of the shaft. With this in mind, an exterior
surface of the shaft distal the handle and proximal the distal section is
electrically non-conductive. In one preferred embodiment, the shaft is
15 comprised of an elongated electrode body surrounded by an electrical insulator.